

# Greenfield Boys Abandon Old Swimmmin' Hole, Made Famous by Riley, for New Pool in Brandywine, Mecca of Visitors From All Over America

Town East of Indianapolis Points With Pride to Statue of Poet and to New World War Memorial Recently Completed.

NOTE—The Indianapolis Times is making an expedition of rediscovery in Indiana, giving interesting facts about our own State. Other articles about other places will follow.

By JOHN L. NIBLACK

"GET out in Indiana and find something of interest to write about!"

Accordingly, J. M. Moore, the more or less amiable photographer of The Times, and I climbed into Galloping Henry, the ancient flier, and started out to burn some gasoline on the company's time.

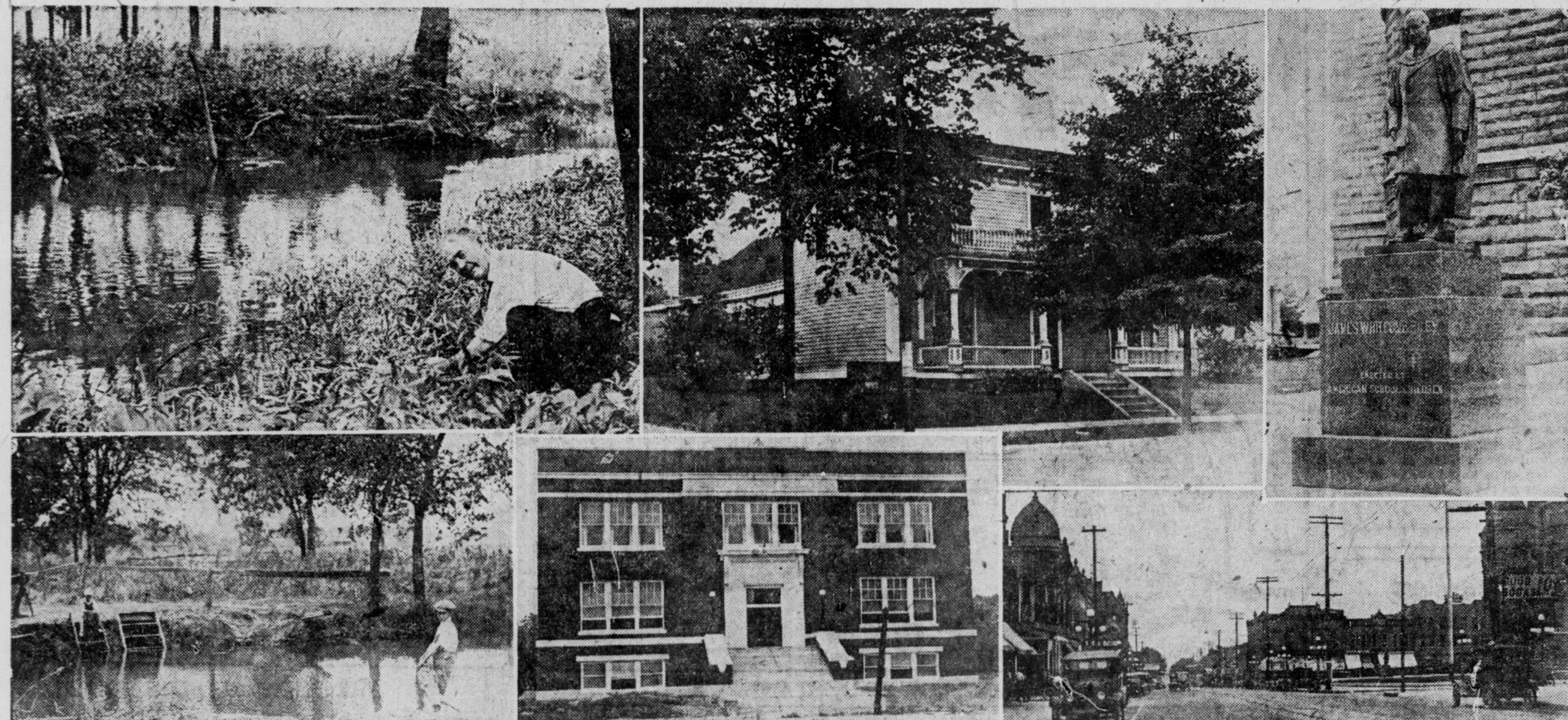
Some territory! Plenty of room to browse around in. Which way? Pointing Galloping Henry's prow due east, J. M. and I sat back and steered our course by the various signs sprinkled along the route by hotels, the State Highway Association and the Hoosier Motor Club. Fierce head winds racked Henry's frame for while, but he took the bit in his teeth, and we bolted on east.

## Sign Appears

"Aha!" quoth J. M. after a season, "we seem to be approaching civilization again. Observe yonder sign."

"Welcome to Greenfield, birthplace and home of James Whitcomb Riley, Greenfield Kiwanis Club," read the sign.

That was our introduction to the thriving little city of Greenfield, which proved to be the county seat of Hancock County, a city of some 5,000 souls. Not only was that the introduction, but also the parting reminder, as the city's slogan is "This is Greenfield, Jim Riley's home and ours," according to Marshall Busell, county assessor, who kindly fur-



ABOVE (LEFT TO RIGHT) THE "OLD SWIMMIN' HOLE," IN WHICH J. M. GOLDEN, BUTTE, MONT., IS WASHING HIS HANDS; HOUSE WHERE JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY WAS BORN IN 1849; STATUE TO RILEY'S MEMORY ON COURTHOUSE LAWN. BELOW (LEFT TO RIGHT) NEW SWIMMIN' HOLE IN BRANDYWINE CREEK, DOWN STREAM FROM RILEY'S FAMOUS POOL, IN PROCESS OF CONSTRUCTION BY BOYS; RECENTLY DEDICATED HANCOCK COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL; MAIN STREET OF GREENFIELD, LOOKING EAST, WITH MISSOURI TOURISTS ADVANCING IN CENTER. THE STREET IS PART OF THE NATIONAL ROAD, PAVED TRUNK LINE FROM ST. LOUIS TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

ness us some valuable information.

A trip through the horseheads a quarter of a mile up the banks of Brandywine Creek, just east of town, revealed the site of "The Old Swimmmin' Hole," made famous by the act of washing his hands in the pool wherein the youthful poet splashed long before Greenfield

thought of erecting monuments to his honor. Many tourists from other States along the old National Rd. stop, even as Mr. Golden did, to view the swimmmin' hole and Riley's home.

"That ol' hole! Huh! That place ain't so good to swim in," replied two small boys, busy building a new swimmmin' hole farther down the

creek. "That's only knee deep and mud bottom, and this'n is four feet deep-up to our chins," said the urchins.

## Has Riley Statue

In addition to the fine courthouse, the town points with pride to a bronze statue of Riley on the courthouse lawn bearing the inscription

"Erected by the School Children of America."

Also to a new World War memorial building, dedicated two weeks ago to the honor of eighteen Hancock County boys who died in service. Also the Methodist Church, the Masonic Temple and the streams of tourists who daily pour through town.

"Looks like everybody East is going West and everybody West wants to go East," said Mr. Bussell. "People from California and Maine stop and go through Riley's old home, but I've never been down there."

THE HE assessor's office is next door to that of Sheriff Claude New, the peppy little World War veteran now finishing his sec-

## MY OWN STORY

### LA FOLLETTE SCARES BOSS WHO TRIED TO BRIBE HIM

By ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE

"MY OWN STORY" is an exclusive newspaper version of one of the great autobiographies of modern times. La Follette's own story of adventures in politics as written by himself in 1919 is an authorized narrative of his experiences in the year since then.

## SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS INSTALLMENT

La Follette enters political life, immediately comes into conflict with Wisconsin politicians, never to be elected to Congress, and from the beginning opposes the onslaught of private interests, especially after the fall of 1890, when a candidate for a fourth term in Congress, La Follette is defeated, and the party becomes Democratic. He returns to private law practice at Madison. One of the first acts of the Democratic Senator Sawyer, a Republican boss, is to bribe off the bench in the interests of the treasury.

He had his pocketbook in one hand and a roll of money in the other. For an instant I was dazed, and then the thing surged through me.

I felt that I could not keep my hands off his throat—I stood over him, said the things to him that I have related and then left him.

Six or eight years afterward, when I was a candidate for Governor, I stopped one day in the little town of Sheboygan Falls.

Among those who called on me was former Congressman Brickner. He had been on the Democratic side when I was on the Republican side of the House. He came into the hotel to greet me and while he was sitting there he brought up the Sawyer affair.

The State, of course, had been published after the interview had been published. Sawyer's power over the Republican press of the State was very great and it was all turned against me.

## Called Liar

I was denounced as a liar and assassin of character, trying to destroy one of the great and good men of the State.

Brickner said: "Mr. La Follette, I knew which one of you told the truth about what took place in the Plankinton Hotel that day. I saw your face when you came down the stairs, with Sawyer following trying to catch up with you. I knew that there had been serious trouble."

After the interview with Senator Sawyer at the Plankinton Hotel that day I disclosed what had transpired between him and me to a few close, personal friends, and told them I thought it my plain duty to report this matter to the court.

Several of them took strong ground against this course. They pointed out the great power of Senator Sawyer, his corporation and political connections, his control of newspapers; they argued that he would utterly destroy me.

I granted all that, but urged that as a member of the bar, an officer of the court, I could not be silent; that it was my duty to report to Judge Siebecker exactly what had occurred. Conferences of these friends were held from time to time.

## MOTION PICTURES

### MISTER SMITH'S THEATRE A STORY OF BROADWAY LIFE

### "THE GOLD DIGGERS"

From David Belasco's Stage Success

Also a

### HAROLD LLOYD COMEDY

### ALL SEATS 15c ALL SEATS

amazed at his announcement and the news quickly spread.

The cases were of such great public interest, involving so many prominent men and such large sums of money that the keenest speculation and excitement followed Siebecker's withdrawal.

By the following day newspaper correspondents, representing the principal papers of the State and leading dailies of Chicago, were rushed to Madison.

Unable to ascertain any facts, a lot of newspaper stories were predicated upon guesses—some wide of the mark and some shrewdly direct in their shot at facts.

## Story Published

On Sunday morning, Oct. 25, 1891, the Chicago Times printed a sensational story with the startling query as to whether there had been an attempt to "influence" the court in the Wisconsin treasury cases, suggesting that if an effort had really been made to influence the court, causing Siebecker's withdrawal, that the guilty party was known, and stood in the shadow of the penitentiary. Here are the headlines from the Chicago Times:

## Tells Judge

On the evening of the same day in the privacy of Judge Siebecker's home I told him exactly what had taken place. He was very much moved. He decided immediately, of course, that, with the knowledge of Sawyer's attempt to corrupt the court, he could not sit as judge in the bench.

He said, "Well, you must tell Judge Siebecker. You cannot permit him to sit in the case without telling him all about it. I doubt very much whether he will see that is for him to decide—but you must tell him."

## Persons Interested in the Wisconsin State Treasury Suits Attempt Desperate Means

An Effort Made to "Influence" Judge Siebecker of Madison, Who Was to Try the Cases.

The Indignant Official Notifies the Lawyers That He Will Not Sit During the Trial.

He said that if he caused Sawyer to be cited for contempt, the facts would necessarily become public with the result that it would prejudice the cases.

So far as either of us knew, many of the defendants probably were ignorant of Sawyer's action.

At any rate, it was important that they be given a fair and impartial trial. Before I left him he had determined that he would promptly call together the attorneys on both sides, tell them that he would not hear the cases for reasons which were controlling with him, but that he would call in any other circuit judge in the State upon which they agreed.

Siebecker was then a young man, he had been on the bench two years and was making an excellent record as judge. These cases were certain to be important, and if he rendered a judgment which should ultimately be sustained by the Supreme Court, it would make a record in which any trial court could take just pride, and might prove an important factor in his judicial career.

Indeed, it transpired that Judge A. W. Newman, who was called in to try the cases after Siebecker's withdrawal, was selected to fill the first vacancy upon the supreme bench of Wisconsin.

I think it was on Friday that Judge Siebecker informed the attorneys on both sides that he could not try the treasury cases. They were held from time to time.

## MOTION PICTURES

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First Half Next Week

FRED THOMPSON

In

"THE DANGEROUS COWARD"

Eddie Lyons Comedy

"The Wrong Groom"

All Seats 10c All the Time

might result in some disclosure which would show conclusively that Sawyer had endeavored to corrupt the court; and that I would consent to see Harshaw if he (Harper) would

ward United States Senator, one of the attorneys in the treasury cases.

They were shown into my private room. After formal greetings, Mr. Quarles made inquiry about Judge

Harshaw remained. As Quarles left Sam accompanied him to the door of the outer office, leaving Harshaw in the private office with me.

The moment we were alone, Harshaw leaned across the desk, and said quickly:

"Bob, will you meet Sawyer at the Grand Pacific Hotel in Chicago tonight?"

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## UNCLE SAM IS STINGY

Refuses to Join in Improvement at Greensburg.

By Times Special  
GREENSBURG, Ind., Aug. 9.—Greensburg thinks Uncle Sam, with all his billions, is stingy.

Years ago, the Government purchased a site here for a new Federal building. Recently when sidewalk improvements were ordered, the Federal property was affected. Postmaster General New indicated that the Government would not put in the new sidewalks until the new building is built.

## Lightning Fires Garage

By Times Special  
WARSAW, Ind., Aug. 9.—Fire started by lightning Friday night destroyed the Ruch garage at Milford. Ten autos were burned.

Chemists are attempting to produce a substitute for commercial turpentine now obtained from our rapidly disappearing yellow pine.

## MOTION PICTURES

LA FOLLETTE SPEAKS AT COUNTY FAIR.

be present at the interview.

At 8 o'clock the next morning Harshaw came to my office, accompanied by Joseph V. Quarles, after

Siebecker and said he wanted to see him.

I told him where the judge could be found and he thereupon with

## EVANGELIST JOHN TRAGER

The old-time gospel is being preached nightly at a revival service being conducted at the National Home Mission at 334 Blake St., by Evangelist Trager. Night services begin at 7:30 p.m. On Sundays he also speaks at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

## CHAIR CHOKES WOMAN

Faints and Falls With Head Between Rungs.

By United Press

FRANKFORT, Ind., Aug. 9.—

Mrs. Clarence Mathewson, 24, died here today from strangulation when she caught her head between two rungs of a chair as she fainted.

**CIRCLE BABY PEGGY in "Captain January"**

Laura E. Richard's Story of The Little Sea Waif

Supporting Cast Includes

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Circle Theatre on Monday,

Tuesday and Wednesday,

Aug. 11-12-13, to Meet

Her Many Little and

Big Indianapolis

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Manufacture Cold Air for the Comfort of Our Patrons